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SUBJECT: ZAIRIAN REQUEST FOR CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS

REF: KINSHASA 4442

1. ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAS REITERATED TO DEPARTMENT ZAIRIAN POSITION AS TRANSMITTED REFTEL. HE FURTHER ASSERTED THAT ZAIRIAN DELEGATION IS DEFINITELY NOT INTERESTED IN HOLDING INFORMAL EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS AND REQUESTED US TO PROPOSE ALTERNATE DATE FOR FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS.

2. AS DEPARTMENT HAS NEVER RECEIVED FROM ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT OF WHAT IT IS EXACTLY THAT THEY SEEK TO ACCOMPLISH DURING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROJECTED TALKS, IT IS DIFFICULT TO PLAN FOR FORMAL

CONSULTATIONS. ONE OF OUR OBJECTIVES IN PROPOSING INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WAS TO DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ZAIRIAN VIEWS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO NEGOTIATING STANCE OF EITHER SIDE. FOR EXAMPLE, US INTERNATIONAL AVIATION POLICY WOULD PRECLUDE US FROM ENGAGING IN

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NEGOTIATIONS TO IMPOSE OPERATIONAL RESTRICTIONS OR

ROUTE LIMITATIONS. IF ZAIRIAN OBJECTIVE IS TO
NEGOTIATE CUTBACKS ON PAN AM FLIGHTS BETWEEN KINSHASA
AND OTHER AFRICAN CITIES (AS WE SUSPECT) US WOULD NOT
WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS AT ALL.

3. TO ENABLE US TO CONSIDER FURTHER THE ZAIRIAN REQUEST
FOR TALKS, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM THE ZAIRIAN
AUTHORITIES THAT THE US MAY BE WILLING TO ENGAGE
IN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT AS LONG
AS SUCH CONSULTATIONS ARE BASED ON EXPLORING
POSSIBILITIES OF AN EXCHANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES, NOT
RESTRICTIONS. TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS
CONSIDERATIONS IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF ZAIRIAN
AUTHORITIES WERE TO INFORM US MORE FULLY AS TO
THE ISSUES WHICH THEY WISH TO RAISE. AFTER REVIEWING
THE ZAIRIAN VIEWS, DEPARTMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
APPROPRIATE RESPONSE REGARDING CONSULTATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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